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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ian J. Forster  
Serial No. 09/618,506  
Filed: 07/18/2000  
For: **MAGNETIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE ATTACHMENT AND  
DETACHMENT DEVICE AND METHOD**

Examiner: Lee, B.  
Art Unit: 2632

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 16, 2002**

In response to the office action mailed December 16, 2002, please find the following response. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 7, 13, 23, and 57 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 34, 35, 48, 64, 67, 69, 70, 73, and 74 as follows:

34. (Twice Amended) A device that magnetically attaches to a magnetic surface portion of an article, comprising:

a wireless communication device; and

a magnet coupled to said wireless communication device wherein said magnet is located inside a chamber;

said magnet has a magnetic force that attaches said magnet to the magnetic surface portion of the article when in close proximity to the magnetic surface portion of the article;

said magnet moves in said chamber in a plane substantially perpendicular to said magnetic surface portion in response to said magnetic force or an external magnetic force.

35. (Twice Amended) A system for identification of an article, comprising:

an article having a magnetic surface portion;

a wireless communication device; and